



The Society of Couple
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2005 International Conference
Power and Attachment



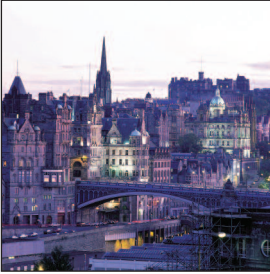
Exploring Psychoanalytic Understanding of Power and
Attachment in Therapy with Couples

The John McIntyre Centre, Edinburgh, UK

**Friday 2nd September –
Sunday 4th September 2005**

Power and Attachment

This international conference, hosted by and expressing the partnership of two organisations, is devoted to stimulating and developing psychoanalytic understanding of couple relationships. It aims to explore the links between power and attachment and their application to working with couples through an interchange of ideas between practitioners from different parts of the world.



Edinburgh at Dusk

The conference, in style and method, aims to enable participation through:

Plenary sessions with papers by leading thinkers and practitioners in the field.

Parallel workshops encouraging discussion of short papers presented by peers in small self-selected groups.

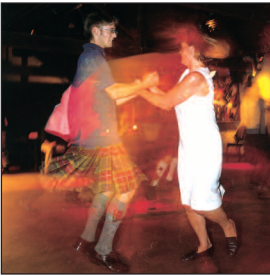
Small groups with consistent membership allowing for reflection throughout the conference.

Registration will take place from 10.00am on Friday. The conference closes with a buffet lunch on Sunday.

Social Events:

on Friday – a reception with ceilidh

on Saturday – a Grand Banquet and entertainment



Scottish Country Dancing

Credit: Richard Campbell

*“What supports the carer is not encouragement in the conventional sense. . . .
It is to be part of a learning system greater than himself.”*

J. D. Sutherland, ‘The Psychodynamic Image of Man,’ 1979.
2005 celebrates the centenary of **J. D. Sutherland**

Key Speakers

Dr David Hewison (UK)

“The Power of our Attachment to Theory – or Oedipus meets Ganesh”

David Hewison is a Senior Couple Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist at the Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships (formerly TMSI) and a Jungian Analyst, Professional Member of the Society of Analytical Psychology. Of his paper, David writes, “Couples who come for psychotherapy are powerfully attached to their own ‘theory’ about their relationship. Therapists, too, are powerfully attached to theory. But just what are the links between theories, therapists, couples, the core myth of psychoanalysis and the Hindu god, Ganesh?”

Dr James Fisher (UK)

“The Potency of Attachment and the Impotence of Violence in the Tragedy of the Macbeths”

James Fisher is an individual and couple psychotherapist and a full member of SCPP. He is author of “*The Uninvited Guest*,” contributed to “*Psychotherapy with Couples*” and co-edited “*Intrusiveness and Intimacy in the Couple*.” In recent papers and presentations he has drawn upon his love and understanding of literature, especially Shakespeare, to inform and develop his understanding of couple relationships.

Molly Ludlam (UK)

“The Power of and our Attachment to the Couple in the Mind”

Molly Ludlam, an Associated Member of SCPP, works as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist in Edinburgh with clinical teams at the SIHR with adults, couples and parents. Her interest in couple, family and parent-child relationships stems from experience as a secondary school teacher and a social worker in a hospital Child & Family Mental Health Team. Chair of SIHR’s Council, she hopes to raise awareness of the value of couple psychotherapy and to promote its development in Scotland.

Dr Adrian Perkel (South Africa)

“Fusion, Diffusion, Deffusion, Confusion: Exploring the Anatomy of the Marital Psyche”

Adrian Perkel, formerly senior lecturer in psychology at the University of the Western Cape, now works as a clinical psychologist in private practice with adults, couples and providing collegial supervision. A current member and past Chair of Cape Town Society for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, he now edits the Journal of Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in South Africa. He is member of the Cape Town couple therapy Reading and Peer Supervision Group, and author of several papers including, “*Troubled marriage: The psychosexual matrix and Oedipus revisited*,” and “*Psychological mating: the compulsion to compensation*.”

Dr David E Scharff & Dr Jill Savege Scharff (USA)

“Self Regulation, Narcissism and Autonomy in Couple Relationship”

David Scharff and Jill Savege Scharff are Co-Directors of the International Psychotherapy Institute, where Jill is Chair of its Psychoanalytic Training Programme. They are both Clinical Professors of Psychiatry at Georgetown University and Teaching Analysts at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute. They are authors, co-authors and editors of 20 books including “*Object Relations Couple Therapy*,” “*The Primer of Object Relations Therapy*,” and most recently, “*The Legacy of Fairbairn and Sutherland*.”

The Society of Couple Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists was established in 1993 to promote and provide education and training for couple psychoanalytic psychotherapists with a view to maintain and raise standards and to promote the understanding and practice of couple psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

The Scottish Institute of Human Relations was founded in 1971 as a national resource to provide educational programmes and services. It uses the growing body of knowledge about personal growth, human relationships and institutional change, derived from psychoanalytic and systemic perspectives, to help those working with people in their day-to-day lives.

Conference Fee £430

To include: accommodation in single en-suite rooms in Pollack Halls of Residence, all conference activities, meals, Friday evening reception, dinner and ceilidh. Saturday evening banquet, music and entertainment to be held at the Playfair Library Hall, Old College, University of Edinburgh. £45 per head. Guests welcomed.

Early Booking (before March 2005)

SCPP and SIHR members £345 non-members £385

Accommodation at the Pollock Halls of Residence outside the conference dates can be arranged by direct application to 'Edinburgh First' +44 (0)131 6512007
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